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BY-LAWS

OF THE

BURNS CLUB

OF THE

CITY OF MONTREAL.

ORGANIZED,

DECEMBER, 1858.



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NAMES OF OFFICERS, 1859.

PRESIDENT :

HON. JOHN ROSE, M.P.P.

VICE-PRESIDENT :

ALEXANDER MORRIS.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT :

DAVID MAIR.

RECORDING SECRETARY :

JOHN G. DINNING.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY :

A. A. STEVENSON.

TREASURER :

ANDREW WILSON.

BOARD OF MANAGERS :

D. BROWN. A. RAMSAY.

A. W. OGILVIE. HENRY BULMER

E. M'LENNAN.

B Y E - L A W S
OF THE
Burns Club of the City of Montreal.

I.

NAME OF THE CLUB.

That this Association shall be called "THE BURNS CLUB OF MONTREAL."

II.

That the object of the Association shall be the promotion of the social and intellectual reūnion and intercourse of the countrymen and admirers of Burns, and the celebration annually of the birthday of the Bard in a fitting and appropriate manner.

III.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB.

The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Management consisting of five members.

IV.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club; to enforce a due observance of the rules; to decide all questions of order; to give the casting vote on all questions before the Club, (except at elections of officers, when he shall be entitled to a vote); to announce the result of all ballottings or votes of the Club; and to exert his influence in every legitimate manner for the preservation of good order, and to promote the prosperity and sustain the good standing and character of the Club.

V.

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to preside in the absence of the President, to discharge the duties of President, and on all occasions to second and assist him in the performance of all legitimate action.

VI.

DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a correct record of the business proceedings at all meetings of the Club, in a book provided for that purpose; to keep a correct list of the names and address of all members, and mark those absent at each general or special meeting; to collect all dues, fines, assessments, &c., and deposit all such, or other moneys received on account of the Club in the hands of the Treasurer; to file all documents, records, reports, and communications connected with the business of the Club; to certify all

accounts after being passed by the Club; furnish the President with the names of members entitled to vote, and of all who may be six months in arrears; and in case of inability to attend at any meeting, he shall cause the necessary books and papers to be conveyed to the place of meeting.

VII.

DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to notify each member of his election, and furnish him with a copy of the Rules; to notify each member of every general or special meeting previous to the time of meeting; notify such members as may be five months in arrears; conduct all necessary correspondence of the Club, and coöperate with and assist the Recording Secretary generally in the discharge of his duties.

VIII.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to exercise a scrupulous faithfulness in the care of all moneys which shall be deposited with him for safe-keeping; to keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures; to report the state of the funds at each quarterly meeting of the Club; and to pay all accounts passed by the Club, after they shall have received the signature of the Recording Secretary, which he shall carefully preserve as vouchers.

IX.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

A Board of Managers, consisting of five members,

shall be elected annually, whose duty it shall be to exercise a general charge and supervision of all property belonging to the Club, and to make such disposal thereof as will be best calculated for its security and preservation ; they should also be required to carry into execution such measures as may be referred to them by the Club, at all times during their term of service.

X.

TIME OF ELECTION.

The Officers and Managers shall be elected annually, by ballot, on the second Monday in December in each year, the majority ruling.

XI.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

No person shall be eligible to office who has not been a member of the Club for a period of six months previous to election.

XII.

OF MEMBERS IN ARREARS.

No member shall be entitled to vote at elections, or hold office, who is in arrears to the Club.

XIII.

PROPOSALS OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Proposals of candidates for membership must be made in writing, furnishing in each case the name and address of the candidate, and the name of the member proposing, and such proposition being seconded by another member, the candidate shall be balloted for at the meeting next ensuing.

XIV.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Admission of members shall be by ballot, and nine nays shall be sufficient for exclusion. Each member, upon his election, shall be required to sign the rules.

XV.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The annual subscription of each member shall be 5s; and should the subscription of any member remain unpaid for two years, his name shall be announced by the President at a meeting of the Club, and unless good and sufficient cause shall be shown to the contrary, it shall be stricken from the roll.

XVI.

MEETINGS OF THE CLUB.

Quarterly meetings, for the transaction of business, shall be held on the second Monday of March, June, and September.

XVII.

MEMBERS NECESSARY TO A QUORUM.

At all meetings, whether general or special, eleven members, two of whom must be officers, will be sufficient to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

XVIII.

OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

The Secretary may call Special Meetings at the request of the Officers, or of any nine members of the Club, provided that the President be informed of such

intention previous to the call of the meeting, and that all the members of the Club are notified in the usual manner.

XIX.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary Members may be elected by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting of the Club.

XX.

DECORUM AND ORDER.

Any member whose conduct may be manifestly indecorous or improper, may be expelled by a majority vote of the Club.

XXI.

ALTERATION OF THE BYE-LAWS.

Alterations of the Bye-Laws can only be effected at a general meeting, on a motion made and seconded at a previous quarterly meeting, and carried by three-fourths of the members present when action is taken thereon ; but in cases of obvious importance and necessity, a rule or rules may be suspended by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, for that meeting only.

